

ONE REMAINS

A win over Pittsburg State would tie the programs longest win streak (24)

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Since 2013, the Northwest Missouri football has lost twice. This Saturday, one of those two teams returns to Bearcat stadium in hopes to spoil another championship run and yet another Homecoming.



In the last three seasons of Bearcat football, Northwest Missouri accumulated a 48-2 record. Riding the program's second longest win streak (23) into Homecoming week, the Bearcats (8-0) host the Gorillas (5-3) in a game that replicates the blueprint put in place two years ago.

In 2014, Pittsburg State delivered a 35-17 blow to Northwest Missouri in front of 11,002 Bearcat faithful in the annual Homecoming game. This was the largest defeat for the Bearcats since a 41-16 loss against Pittsburg State in a Division II playoff semi-final game in 2011.

"They came in here and whooped us," coach Adam Dorrel said. "It wasn't even close. They whooped us for three hours."

The history between Northwest Missouri and Pittsburg State is clear. Not only does this game resemble what happened two seasons ago, but a win from Dorrel's side would tie the longest win streak in program history with Bearcat legend Mel Tjeerdsma's 1999-2000 squad. This stretch is the longest in college football, with only Division III school Mount Union (22) and Division I dynasty Alabama (20) in the rear view mirror.

"Honestly, it's not on my mind at all," Dorrel said. "We don't talk about it as a program. I really don't look at that stuff."

Pittsburg State may not be the same co-MIAA champs it was when these teams met two seasons ago but Dorrel is diligent in his gameplan against the Gorillas.

"I always have a lot of respect for their football program and their coaching staff," Dorrel said. "I think they are very blue-collar tough. To me, it starts with being a very physical football game and we're going to have to execute at a high level."

Pittsburg State enters Saturday's contest with the second best offense in the conference. A big contributor to the Gorillas' high-power attack on the ground has been the play of junior running back Michael Rose.

"He's a great player," Dorrel said. "Their running game — they just run so hard. They have a really good offensive line. It's a big, physical group of guys."

The back averages the second most rushing yards per game (88.3) in the MIAA. In front of Rose is youngster John Roderique. The sophomore quarterback has quickly found himself in the rotation since transferring from Division I program, Sam Houston State. Roderique has made an early impression, leading the conference with 327.4 passing yards per game.

Though the Pittsburg State attack ranks among the best in the conference, Northwest Missouri has weapons of its own listed at the top of the chart.

The Bearcat defense sits No. 5 in Division II football, allowing 4.08 yards per play and 15.5 points per game. Along with a top rated defense, Northwest Missouri enters with a well-groomed offense, averaging 518.4 yards per game.

The Bearcats have also accumulated 38 touchdowns in the red zone, which is the most scored in the country. Dorrel plans on attacking this game like every other game thus far.

"Since I've been the coordinator and the head coach, I've always tried to stay balanced," Dorrel said. "Our screens and passes are set up off our ability to run the football, so we try and do what we're good at."

The history between these teams has been one to remember since the beginning. The overall record between the two squads is 25-24. Advantage Northwest.

"We take this game as a motivating game because it's a big game," senior kicker Simon Mathiesen said. "I think the coaching staff does a tremendous job of teaching us life lessons, so that I can incorporate those in my life."

NEXT GAME
Pittsburg State @ Northwest
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History says not to forget about Gorillas



Statistics tell us this week's Homecoming football game will be no different than the last. History paints a different picture. Looking through the ncaa.com database, the words Northwest Missouri appear at the top of the page again and again. Statistically, the Bearcats appear in the top five of almost every statistic held in Division II. This is not the first year this has happened. Look at the 2015 National Championship run. Leading the way in almost every category possible, the Bearcats

were undeniably the best team in the country. Though the team was crowned National Champions, one team has historically stood in the way of the Bearcats achieving even greater. In 2014, the Bearcats finished the regular season with only one loss. That fall was the result of a "three hour whooping," coach Adam Dorrel said. The Pittsburg State Gorillas have been a thorn in the side of Bearcat football since the Dorrel era began. The sixth-year coach has a career record of 69-8. Three of those losses are to the Gorillas. This time around, the Bearcats (8-0) have a little more firepower on offense and the Gorillas (5-3) might not have an answer. The Northwest Missouri offense is pumping out

points at a conference-leading 49.8 per game. Not only that, the defense leads the MIAA in scoring defense as well (15.5). Pittsburg State may stack up on the offensive stat sheet with 42.1 points per game, but the Gorilla defense is what Dorrel and the Bearcats will turn to. Averaging over 36 points-per-game may be where quarterback Kyle Zimmerman comes in handy. The senior has been a spectacle to watch as a first-year starter. Posting 25 touchdowns and 0 interceptions is something most players only dream of. The Gorillas trail the Bearcats 25-24 in the all-time record book. Realizing how cliché this sounds, I remember this game like it was yesterday. The electricity in the air was

unimaginable. A one-loss Pittsburg State team walked into Bearcat stadium high and proud, aiming to knock off the undefeated and defending champion, Northwest Missouri. Chatter amongst my foolish freshman comrades included, "we are so good," "this game will be over by half," and "I bet we win the national title again because that's what we do." I had been working the night shifts at Maryville Hy-Vee, restocking the salad bar and cleaning the always exciting, three gallon pots of soup. This was the first full Bearcat football game I was able to witness and what happened that night, I will never forget. Pittsburg State attempted not one, not two, but three on-side kicks. The Gorillas recov-

ered two of them. Each one was a dagger to my soul and a blow to the energy in the crowd. Pittsburg State was scoring at will and Northwest Missouri had no answer. Quarterback Brady Bolles, as well as the entire Bearcat offense was lost and confused. The score read 28-10 midway through the third quarter and we still hoped that there would be a comeback like no other. The Bearcats pasted together a drive that instilled hope into the athletes and coaches alike. A glimmer of light was closed in rapid time. Pittsburg State recovered a fumble by Northwest running back Robert Burton and returned the pigskin 45 yards, widening the gap to 35-10.

Rape kits made more accessible to victims

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Sexual assault survivors now have a bill of rights to protect them from discrimination after an attack.

The Sexual Assault Survivors’ Rights Act focuses on the preservation of rape kits and making sure survivors understand their legal options.

The bill states victims have rights to a free rape kit, regardless of whether they have filed a police report or not. Victims have the right to be informed of the results from the rape kit and to be notified in writing 60 days beforehand if the kit is going to be destroyed and to request the kit be preserved. The bill also states victims have the right to have the kit preserved for the entire applicable statute of limitations. For example, if the statute of limitations to report a sexual assault is five years, they can request to preserve the rape kit for that amount of time. The act also includes a task force to observe best practices and how well the new regulations work.

The bill states survivors must be informed of these rights, regardless of whether they decide to pursue legal action against an assailant.

New Hampshire Sen. Jeanne Shaheen sponsored the bill alongside the campaign Rise, a nonprofit organization headed by Amanda

Nguyen, who had a terrible experience with the criminal justice system after being sexually assaulted in Massachusetts in 2013. Nguyen said although she reported her assault and had a rape kit performed, she was given no information about her legal options.

Nguyen said in an interview with People Magazine that she believes victims need to understand their rights and be empowered through the law.

“People just don’t know this is as deep of a problem as it is,” Nguyen said. “And when people find out, and they are empowered with something that they can do about it, then they will go and do it. This hope is contagious.”

The act passed unanimously in the House last month and by voice vote in the Senate last week. Obama signed the bill Friday, Oct. 7 and it will go into effect Jan. 1, 2017.

Shaheen stated in a press conference after the bill was signed that she believes this bill proves bipartisan progress is possible and that citizens can have an effect on changes at the federal level.

“Beginning today, our nation’s laws stand firmly on the side of survivors of sexual assault,” Shaheen said. “It was just over a year ago when Amanda Nguyen walked into my office, shared her heartbreaking story, and we began working on leg-

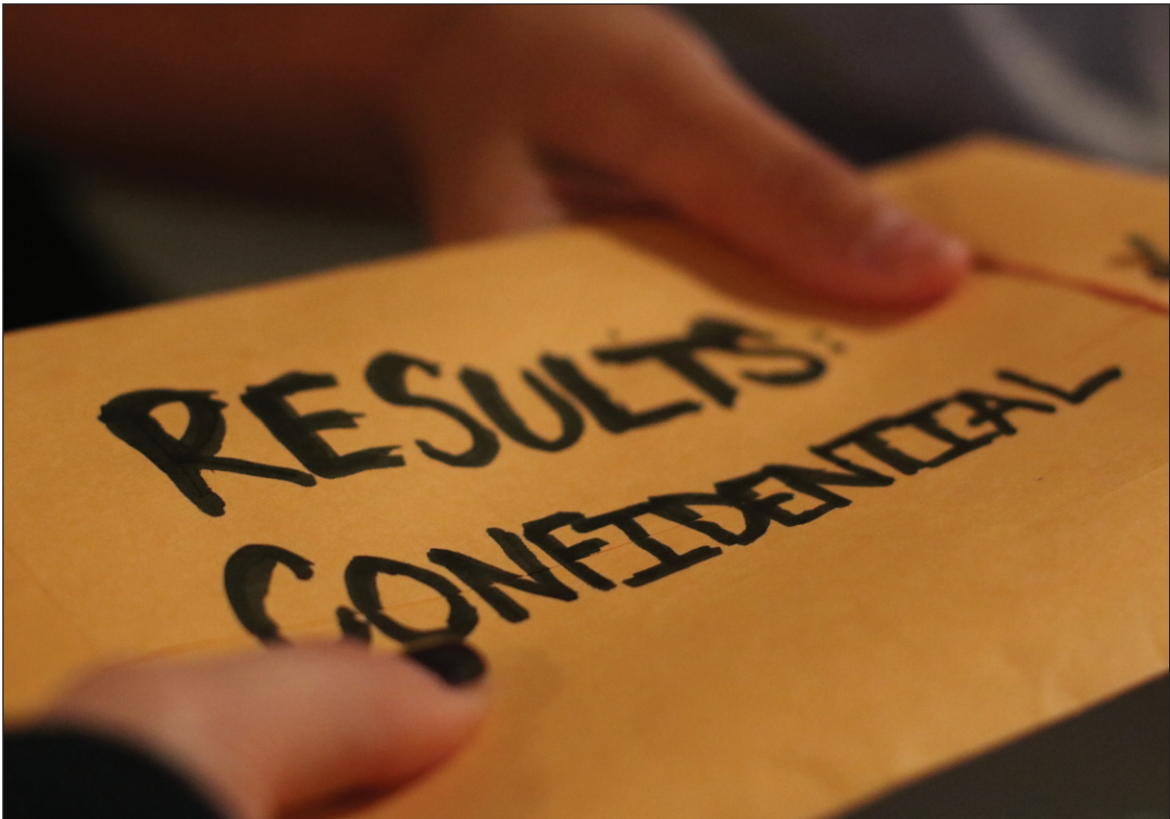


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President Obama passed a new law stating rape victims will be able to receive their rape kits with no questions asked, no cost and they cannot be destroyed without talking to the victim first.

islation. Amidst the partisan bickering and gridlock in Congress, this law demonstrates that citizens can still affect positive change and that

bipartisan progress is still possible.”

While the bill has been passed at a federal level, Missouri has not yet adopted the bill nor any other

version of it. According to risenow.us, Massachusetts, California, New York and Oregon are in the process of adopting similar legislation.

Prize for best float reaches new high

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Organizations constructing Homecoming floats are pumping their way to a larger cash prize.

This year, Homecoming float cash prizes went up. Last year, according to the Northwest Missouri State University Homecoming 2015 Constitution and By-Laws, the first place prize for floats was \$2,025. This year, the prize reaches \$5,000, according to Homecoming co-chair Michael Barbosa.

“We thought that we could get more organizations involved in Homecoming if we gave them a bigger incentive,” Barbosa said.

Phi Mu’s big float chair Jordan Strittmatter said that although the organizations approve of the by-laws, she was not aware of the change in the prize money.

“I don’t think it really affected our decision to participate; we don’t take the prizes into consideration. I think participating is a great way to say thank you to Northwest,” Strittmatter said. “It’s a good way to get to know other organizations, especially for new members.”

Strittmatter’s job as the big float chair is to work along with four other people to design the float and submit ideas. Once the Homecoming Committee accepts the design, float chairs make sure their organization’s design stays within budget. Then, Strittmatter helps put the float together by ordering materials and working on the float. This is Strittmatter’s second year as float chair.

Although there was an increase in prize money, there are less organizations participating, according to Barbosa. Organizations not participating include Sigma Alpha, Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Barbosa was unable to state why the three organizations are not participating. He says that their lack of participation does not hurt the Homecoming committee’s overall goal with raising the prize money.

“I don’t think it hurt the participation just because they are planning on doing a float again next year,” Barbosa said.

Strittmatter says it is great that the Homecoming committee raised the first place prize because organizations do put a lot of time and money into the floats, so it is nice to be able to get more back.

MHS unveils performing arts center

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Thirty years ago, a couple of teachers dreamt Maryville High School students would have a stage of their own.

That dream became a reality as Maryville High School officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Lee and Nina Schneider Center for the Performing Arts, Oct. 22. Before the ceremony, members of Spectrum, one of Maryville High School’s three choirs, provided guests with a tour of the new facility, which encompasses 19,000 feet and houses 700 seats. Following guest tours, members of Spectrum opened the ceremony with the National Anthem.

Following the National Anthem, Maryville High School Superintendent Becky Albrecht relayed her excitement about the new opportunity.

“This is an extraordinary opportunity for our young people to have a dedicated place where they can perform,” Albrecht said. “As you can see from the tours and the anthem, performed by Spectrum, these students are very, very talented. So we’re glad they can have a true home here on stage.”

Maryville High School Assistant Superintendent Steve Klotz reminisced over the previous performance area.

“Previous to our ability to

bring the Lee and Nina Schneider Center for the Performing Arts to our students and our community, we used our gymnasium as our performance area,” Klotz said. “So, most times for our plays and musicals, we would have to balance practice times with our athletic programs that also used the gymnasium. We collaborated a lot with Northwest Missouri State University as well, and have used its facilities for performances at times.”

Klotz adds having a performing arts facility on school grounds will benefit student performances.

“It’s nice to have a performing arts facility on our own campus, so our kids can practice every day in the space they’re actually going to perform in,” said Klotz.

Maryville High School senior Colin Arnold said the Lee and Nina Schneider Center for the Performing Arts is great and he is honored to take advantage of the new facility.

“I feel it’s a great place,” Arnold said. “I’m glad that we had the funds and everything to put it together, as it has given a students a place where they feel they can fit and where everyone can be a part of something great.”

The Lee and Nina Center for the Performing Arts obviously did not emerge overnight. Thirty years ago, the Schneiders created a fund, promising to themselves a continued future for the performing arts. Lee and Nina’s daughter,

Terri Schneider-Modin, was in attendance. During the ceremony, Schneider-Modin explained the relationship between her parents and the performing arts.

“Achievement in the performing arts requires self-discipline, teamwork and perseverance,” Schneider-Modin said. “The principles were not only taught by our parents to the thousands of music students over the 40 years they taught in the Maryville community, but also something they practiced through their lives.”

Schneider-Modin also gave an inclusive speech about her parents’ saving efforts.

“Thirty years ago, with a hope that their vision would come true, they established a trust for their desired Maryville R-II performing arts facility and contributed to it annually,” Schneider-Modin. “In the early days, it wasn’t enough money to move the needle, but they persevered, and over the years, it grew to a level that someone took notice of it.”

Despite the Schneiders’ generous donation, the facility still required additional funding. In 2009, a long-range planning committee decided to take further steps to make the performing arts facility happen. Later, Nodaway County residents would pass a bond issue, allowing the district to move forward with construction of the facility.

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Downtown Maryville hosts trick or treaters

Streets downtown will be closed for the annual Downtown Trick or Treat today.

Before 5 p.m., the Maryville Street Department will block off the four streets surrounding the County Courthouse. However, intersection will remain open.

This will be the 21st annual Downtown Trick or Treat and will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is designed for children and families. There are expected to be 71 local businesses handing out candy and other treats, according to event coordinator, Katy Rice.

The Elks Lodge 760 will hand out free hot dogs on Main Street. Other participants include: Happy Garden, Student Body, Nodaway County Health Center/Safety for Kids of Nodaway County, Northwest Greek Life and more.

Other businesses participating, not located in the downtown area include Countryside Christian Church, located east of Fourth Street, New Nodaway Humane Society, located in front of Molly’s and Maryville Downtown Improvement Organization, located at Main and West Third Street.

Event flyers can be picked up at multiple businesses around town and will be distributed at local schools.

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Holiday gifts provided to children in need

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Toys 4 Tots will provide Nodaway County families with the opportunity to have gifts under the tree this holiday season.

The Toys 4 Tots program in Nodaway County is sponsored by Today's Civic Women and has been for over 30 years.

This service provides hundreds of underprivileged children in Nodaway County with toys donated by their own community.

Vice President of Today's Civic Women and Northwest Missouri State University Academic Success Coach Lauren Shackelford is working with her organization to make sure this year's Toys 4 Tots goes just as well as last's.

"Today's Civic Women supports Toys 4 Tots by helping with the marketing of the program, putting out the barrels and collecting the new toys," Shackelford said. "Then we also sack the toys, give lists to the families, and also hold the distribution in early December."

Shackelford said community members interested in helping can do so in four ways: donations, toy donations, sponsoring or participating in a toy drive and toy donation collection.

Freshman Amber Perkins participated in Toys 4 Tots last year.

Because of the lasting effect it had on her, she wants people to participate.

"I think everyone should participate at least once in Toys 4 Tots," Perkins said. "Children's toys are insanely expensive, even if you try to buy cheap. It changes a child's life because these are the kids who don't get anything."

Local establishments already hosting collection barrels include Dollar General, Golden Living Center, Daily Forum, Ace Hardware, Bank Midwest, Nodaway



Toys for Tots bins are popping up around the Maryville area where residents are encouraged to drop new or hardly used toys for kids in need for the holiday season. DYLAN COLDSMITH | NW MISSOURIAN

Valley Bank, US Bank, Maryville Public Library, Citizens Bank and Trust, McDonald's, Meyer Auto and Thrivent Financial.

Toys 4 Tots of Nodaway County is encouraging organizations to donate books this year to help promote reading to the young children receiving these gifts. Every donation made to the Toys 4 Tots of Nodaway County is 100 percent tax deductible.

Shackelford is ready for the community to be a part of Toys 4 Tots of Nodaway County this year.

"I think if we could just spread the word, we could help support the community, and I think that's one of the reasons I'm involved in Today's Civic Women and love doing sponsorships with Toys 4 Tots," Shackelford said. "The more community support we could have, the better."

With over 260 toys donated last

year, Shackelford has high hopes for this year's success.

"I think we have to recognize that not everybody can provide for Christmas or whatever holiday they celebrate in December," Shackelford said. "So I think toys 4 Tots is a great way to provide for families who may not have everything they need. People can donate a new toy or sponsor a drive if that's something they're interested in."

According to Fundraise.com, Today's Civic Women of Maryville Inc. is a registered nonprofit organization located in Maryville, MO and is focused on community service organization, gifts, grants, or loans to other organizations, and Women's club.

For questions concerning Toys 4 Tots this year, the community may contact event coordinator Ann Martin at (660)-582-4294.

Students face future employers at Career Day

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Students networked with potential employers in efforts to get a foot in the door for future internships and employment opportunities.

Oct. 18, Career Services hosted its annual Career Day. The fair, located in the Bearcat Arena, hosted around 165 employers, some traveling many miles and across state lines. Many students attended the fair, scheduling interviews with potential employers for the following day with hopes of finding employment and internships for the upcoming year.

Student volunteers, in affiliation with Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority (Tri Sigma), sat at a table at the fair's entrance. Volunteers swiped students' bearcat cards and logged attendance.

Employers included companies and organizations that spanned various majors and fields of study from business, accounting and agriculture, to education, media and music.

"We have had a lot of students come through. Mainly juniors and se-

niors, but it's good to come as a freshman so you can get more experience with job opportunities," Tri Sigma Volunteer Maddie Christensen said.

Career development coordinator and employer relations Renee Riedel explained the event.

"Today we are hosting Education Expo and Career Day. We invited several employers from the education industry and other industries to meet with the many students who have walked through the door. There are around 140 employers here for Career Day and around 25 for the Education Expo," Riedel said.

During the Career Fair, students got the chance to meet and talk with potential future employers and had the ability to explore their options.

"I got an interview for tomorrow and I also became interested in applying at another company," Senior Liz Wede said.

Sitting next to her on a bench just outside the Career Fair doors was sophomore agricultural science major Alexis Seuntjens, a transfer student seeking a summer internship from one of the many agricultural

employers in attendance.

"I'm here to look for an internship. Most of the employers here are for Ag. I've been to other career fairs; Iowa State's was a lot larger than this one, but it is also a lot bigger school, so I would expect that. This one is nice because it's smaller and more intimate," Seuntjens said.

In an event called Next Day Interviews, students were able to schedule interviews with potential employers for the following day.

"Many students have 30-45 minutes scheduled with employers tomorrow that could lead to a full-time or internship position," Riedel said.

Career Day was open to the community as well as all students.

"We have absolutely had a lot of students come by. We have around 550 students that have already been here today, and we hope to see several hundred more before the day is over," Riedel said.

For more information about future career events, please contact Northwest Missouri State University Career Services.



Students lined the halls of Bearcat Arena Tuesday, Oct. 18 where they were able to discuss internships and full-time opportunities with businesses in the surrounding area. MEGAN WALLACE | NW MISSOURIAN

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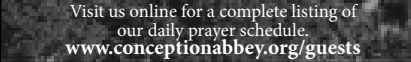
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Political party leaders have failed voters



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With less than two weeks until the election, it is clear one of the candidates absolutely cannot be elected president.

When asked, during the final debate, if Trump will accept the results of the election, he said, “I will look at it at the time...What I’m saying is that I will tell you at the time. I’ll keep you in suspense, OK.” Trump’s answer goes against what this nation stands for.

No matter how close or hard-fought the campaign is, the loser concedes for the sake of keeping the nation peaceful. This is best shown by the presidential election of 2000.

Al Gore won the popular vote by almost 550,000 votes but lost the electoral vote to George W. Bush by five.

This election came down to the tightly contested Florida. Bush won Florida by 930 total votes originally. Gore called for recounts in four counties; Broward, Miami Dade, Palm Beach and Volusia. The final deadline was Nov. 26. Any county that missed this deadline would have their original count be the final count. Palm Beach missed this final deadline while Miami Dade opted to have its original count be the final count.

Florida certified Bush the winner by 537 votes on Nov. 26. Gore formally contested these results. The Florida Supreme Court ordered a recount of over 70,000 ballots. The U.S. Supreme Court halted the order because “each manual recount produces a degradation of the ballots.”

The Supreme Court ruled 7-2 against Florida Supreme Court’s ruling that a statewide recount of the ballots was unconstitutional. The Supreme Court also ruled 5-4 that the Florida recounts could not be completed before Dec. 12 deadline. The recounts were ceased and the previous certified total would be the final total. Gore conceded Dec. 13.

During his concession speech, Gore quoted Senator Stephen Douglas’s speech when he lost against Abraham Lincoln. “Partisan feeling must yield to patriotism,” Gore said. “I’m with you, Mr. President, and God bless you.”

Gore said he strongly disagreed with the outcome, but he would accept it for unity of the country and the strength of our democracy.

If Trump loses and does not concede, he will disrespect the entire democratic process.

During the debate, Clinton said Trump is convinced the election is rigged against him if it does not go his way.

“The FBI conducted a yearlong investigation into my emails,” Clinton said. “They concluded there was no case. He said the FBI was rigged. He lost the Iowa caucus (and) the Wisconsin primary. He said the Republican primary was rigged against him. Then, Trump University gets sued for fraud and racketeering. He claims that the court system and the federal judge is rigged against him.”

Trump also complains about the media being against him.

“If the disgusting and corrupt media covered me honestly and didn’t put false meaning into the words I say, I would be beating Hillary by 20 percent,” Trump said in a tweet.

Trump is right about the media being rigged. However, I believe it is being rigged in his favor.

The New York Times reported Trump has received an estimated \$1.9 billion in free airtime since his campaign launched. All the major media outlets talk about Trump daily. This gives Trump the opportunity to reach voters with his messages almost 24 hours a day.

Trump also spewed misinformation about late-term abortions during the debate.

“...You can take (a) baby and rip the baby out of the womb,” Trump said. “In the ninth month. On the final day. And that’s not acceptable.”

These ninth month abortions Trump mentions simply do not exist.

OB-GYN Dr. Jen Gunter lists actual facts about abortions in her article on Vox.com. Gunter was trained to do late-term



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abortions. She did five years of residency and 10 years practice.

“...Only 1.3 percent of abortions happen at or after 21 weeks,” Gunter said. “We know this because the Centers for Disease Control conducts annual abortion surveillance. The majority of abortions, 91 percent in fact, happen before 13 weeks, and we know how to prevent most of them: easily accessible, free, long-acting reversible contraception.”

Gunter went on to say there are three reasons why a woman would seek an abortion after 21 weeks: health of the mother, personal reasons and fetal anomalies such as not having developed organs. Gunter said the majority of women seeking a late-term abortion for personal reasons are turned away.

Trump would know this if he took 15 minutes to google actual facts about a subject instead of making up facts on the fly.

Being a bigot, sexist, misogynist, racist and making incoherent comments about his daughter are just a few of the reasons why Trump is completely unfit to be president. Going into great detail about these reasons would just be beating a dead horse.

Clinton is not a stellar choice for president either.

Some of Clinton’s infamous emails have leaked. A few of them suggest the Democratic National Convention conspired against Bernie Sanders.

An email from Chief Financial Officer Brad Marshall suggested the DNC used religion against Sanders.

“It might (make) no difference, but for Kentucky and West Virginia, can we get someone to ask his belief?” Marshall said in the email. “Does he believe in a god? He had skated on saying he has a Jewish heritage. I think I read he is an atheist. This could make several points difference with my peeps. My Southern Baptist peeps would draw a big difference between a Jew and an atheist.”

Clinton’s paid speeches to Goldman Sachs and other banks

have been leaked by Wikileaks.

During these speeches, Clinton says she is out of touch with the middle class due to her and her husband’s economic success, has a private and public position on policy for negotiations purposes, holds Wall Street accountable only for political reasons, she is pro-keystone and pro-trade and is more favorable to Canadian health care and single payer system.

Clinton also flip-flops on issues such as gun control.

Martin O’Malley pointed out how many times she has switched her stance on guns during the November Democratic debate.

“When you ran in 2000, you said that we needed federal robust (gun control) regulations;” O’Malley said. “Then, in 2008, you were portraying yourself as Annie Oakley and saying that we don’t need those regulations on the federal level. And now you come back around here (to gun control).”

According to hillaryclinton.com, Clinton wants to expand background checks, revoke licenses from dealers who break the law, prevent domestic abusers, violent criminals and the severely mentally ill from purchasing and owning guns and ban military-style weapons.

Clinton is not a good choice for president since the DNC showed bias for her, being two-faced on policy and flip-flopping on issues.

Clinton is more fit to be president than Trump, but that is not saying much. Trump disrespects so many Americans that it is embarrassing he is even in consideration to be the Commander in Chief. Clinton must win for the sake of keeping that maniac out of office.

Hopefully, the next nominations will not be as terrible as these two jokers.

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OUR VIEW: Greek life is spending too much money on Homecoming

Organizations on campus spend too much money on Homecoming and funds could be spent in better ways.

Homecoming is a holiday on most college campuses, including Northwest’s. Alumni come back from wherever they may be in their adult lives to relive their glory days. Popular Homecoming festivities here in Maryville include the variety show, parade and kegs and eggs, of course.

These are common events in any college towns, but Northwest Missouri State University and campus organizations spend entirely too much money on Homecoming events.

Banners, the most economically friendly aspect of an organization’s Homecoming budget, includes the cost of a twin bedsheet and the paint and supplies used to decorate it. Nothing major there.

Organizations that participate

in the variety show spend anywhere up to around \$400 for an 8-10 minute skit, with those funds being used toward sets, props, costumes and music. Seems a little steep for such a short period of entertainment.

The real numbers come into play when you look at big floats. Organizations can spend anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000 each, making a co-op big float cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$8,000. These floats cannot be reused and are left to be destroyed, either torn down by organizational members or even set on fire.

Other Homecoming costs include dancing clowns, canned art and jalopies, or little floats.

Greek alumna Jennifer O’Dell thinks Northwest Missouri State organizations should make a change.

“Other than nostalgia for Northwest alumni, there’s no real benefit of it. We’ll have a football game re-

gardless, but all that money could be used in the community or leadership events and programs for students and organizations. Instead, it’s judged for two minutes and destroyed,” O’Dell said.

Many members of these organizations participate heavily and still believe Homecoming could be done on a much smaller scale, like larger universities often do.

Some universities have a talent shows, lawn decorations and floats on trailers that are significantly smaller than our 19’ maximum trailers. Some universities even have a competitive blood drive during Homecoming week.

These universities are spending approximately half the budget we are and still have a good time, while raising blood for their communities and benefiting lives other than their own.

Canned art and penny wars are

the only positive aspects of Northwest’s Homecoming.

Canned art is a way to create a display and help the community at the same time. Members of organizations buy cans, wrap them in colored paper and create an art display based on the Homecoming theme.

Penny wars involves each organization donating to five-gallon buckets in the Union, labeled with its organization name. Organizations score points by donating pennies and decrease their competitors’ points with silver coins and bills.

The cans used in the canned art displays are donated to food banks and the money raised for penny wars are donated to a charity agreed upon by the organizations participating.

The amount of money spent on Homecoming is outrageous for our community when larger schools are having smaller scale homecomings.

If we used even a small per-

centage of our Homecoming budgets towards something community related, Northwest or Maryville as a whole would benefit greatly. This money could be used towards a campus event or even a large-scale community service project.

An organization can spend as much of their budget as they want to on Homecoming and these funds average about \$4,000 per organization. With as much as Greek organizations put an emphasis on philanthropy work, their Homecoming budgets should not exceed their philanthropy budgets, in dollars or hours. If budgets are not reduced, prize money won by organizations should be donated to their philanthropies.

As Bearcats, we should be spending our budgets wisely instead of, quite literally, burning our money.

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Future Ag center result of lucrative partnership

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Northwest Missouri State University's School of Agricultural Sciences' students practice with the latest and greatest farming technology from a partnership with Case IH and Derr Equipment that is 5 years running.

This partnership has allowed upwards of \$7.1 million in equipment to be used by students, advancing their learning through machine based experience.

Combines, planters, tractors and other farming machinery are in use where budget limitations may have limited the School of Agricultural Sciences otherwise.

In an interview with the University, owner of Derr Equipment Brad Derr shared the utility of this student-equipment relationship.

"Being able to jump in this machinery with all of the AFS (advanced farming systems) and guidance that they have, they've already got a leg up on the information," Derr said.

Derr also said Northwest students often are using the equipment before Derr has the opportunity to sell it.

"They get to play with all the newest and best," Derr said.

Derr Equipment, located in Savannah, Missouri, is the largest Case IH Agriculture dealership in northwest Missouri.

Director of the School of Agricultural Sciences Rod Barr understands the importance of this partnership and how it is positively affecting students.

"If we didn't have this kind of partnership with Derr and Case IH it would make things very difficult for us and we wouldn't be able to utilize the latest technologies that are out there," Barr said. "Through that agreement we get things at a very low cost or a no cost lease. It exposes these students to new technology



ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN

The partnership with Case IH and Derr Equipment is in its fifth year and students, faculty and the companies have all benefited from the cooperation.

and that is important." In addition to the partnership garnering student success a new Agricultural Learning Center is in progress under supervision of Northwest School of Agricultural Sciences. This facility will be built at Wright farm and is estimated at \$8.5 million.

The projected finish time is 3 to 5 years pending donor contributions.

Barr said the center's development is more so a process focusing on the journey rather than the actual destination.

"We continue, we refine and we work really hard to identify our vision for the School of Agricultural Sciences to make it more than a building. Our foundation champions challenged us to do this," Barr said. "We think that we've done a

good job with that in identifying a vision for the school of agricultural sciences. It takes a look at the complexities and the interactions of producers and consumers in agriculture and food trying to figure out ways to bridge that gap through programming and curriculum."

Barr said the real challenge for the Agricultural Learning Center will be in financing it.

He has hopes for more donors to jump on board when they hear about the project and the history behind it.

"Raising money is a challenge and we know that it will turn around. We will make money," Barr said. "We're making progress. We have to make sure that our story is a good story and we will continue to tell that story."

PLTW prepares high school students for future careers

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Department heads in the Maryville School District work to integrate Project Lead the Way (PLTW) programs into the district to broaden students' career horizons.

PLTW is a program sweeping the nation, and now it is on the way into the Maryville school district. There are two PLTW classes in the high school and one in the middle school. Superintendent Becky Albrecht notes how students get a chance to explore career paths through PLTW, paths they might not know about otherwise.

"Kids seem to really like it," Albrecht said. "There was a really high retention rate."

This is the second year PLTW is in Maryville High School. The school board decided to take the class Introduction to Biomedical Science to Maryville Middle School. According to Albrecht, it is going to add some of the PLTW classes to the Northwest Technical School soon, too.

PLTW encompasses science-

based classes, such as Introduction to Biomedical Science and Introduction to Engineering, and is designed to help students get a head start on their careers. The website's mission statement reads:

"Project Lead The Way empowers students with these skills (real life skills) – relevant to any career or role they take on – and prepares teachers to engage their students in hands-on learning. Whether designing and producing prosthetics or deploying innovative water filtration devices in developing countries, PLTW students and the teachers who support them are empowered to make a difference in their classrooms, in their communities and around the world."

This year, the high school has had around 50 to 60 students join the PLTW program. Some students joined both classes, some joined just one.

High school teacher Heather Stoecklein teaches the PLTW Biomedical Science classes. In the first class, the students spend the year trying to solve the hypothetical murder of Hannah Gar-

cia. The first thing they do is figure out whether or not it is a homicide, then they move on to other factors contributing to her death. The basic setup of the class is: the students get a task, conduct experiments and decipher the problems.

"It's a very hands on approach. It really pushes the students to think. This is a new opportunity for my students. It opens doors and exposes them to various careers that they didn't think of before," Stoecklein said.

In order to be qualified to teach the class, Stoecklein had to go through intensive two week training in Rolla. The training was Monday through Friday, starting at 7 a.m. and lasting until 5:30 p.m.

"I feel like it's benefiting my students, and I'm always open to doing something to create opportunities for them," Stoecklein said.

The PLTW program will continue to expand in the Maryville School District within the next few years, starting at the Northwest Technical School. The boards hope that it continues down to the elementary school.



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Blotters for the week of October 27

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Oct. 5

Three summonses were issued to **Victor C. Malloy**, 19, **Blake T. Hanners**, 19, **Wade M. Joyce**, 18, for minor in possession at the 300 block of North Market.

Oct. 8

There is an ongoing investigation for tampering with a motor vehicle in the 500 block of East Seventh Street.

Oct. 14

A summons was issued to **Al-**

xander R. Richardson, 18, for minor in possession and littering in the 700 block of North Buchanan.

Two summonses were issued to **Geordon A. Gumm**, 18, St. Joseph, and **Ian M. McHugh**, for minor in possession in the 500 block of West Eighth Street.

Oct. 15

A summons was issued to **Allison M. Vanvactor**, 19, for minor in possession at the 1600 block of North Grand Avenue.

Oct. 19

There is an ongoing investigation for disorderly conduct at the 700 block of North Fillmore.

Oct. 21

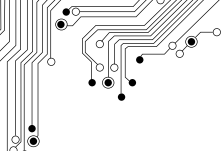
There is ongoing investigation for larceny in the 1400 block of North Dewey.

Oct. 24

A summons was issued to **Khalil A. Stone**, 20, for a warrant for failure to appear in the 400 block of North Market.


A summons was issued to **Charles D. White**, 44, St. Joseph, for a warrant for failure to appear in the 400 block of North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation for burglary in the 200 block of East Third Street.



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BROOKE BEASLY (LEFT) ALEXIS GEISERT (RIGHT) | NW MISSOURIAN

Kristina Martinez began working for Northwest University Police Department around 2005. Before that, she worked as a bus driver, martial arts instructor, massage therapist and other jobs to make ends meet. Her consistent schedule on campus allows her to live the life she wants. Martinez has other jobs that fall away from her typical police work, including catching and releasing animals.

Kristina Martinez

Patrol officer proves she can handle whatever life throws at her

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From moving across the world, becoming a teen mom and being distant from family, Patrol Officer Kristina Martinez proved to the world she could adapt to anything.

She became a mom at 16 and had her second child by 19. She drove trucks and busses, taught martial arts, learned massage therapy and joined the national guard before ending up as an officer with Northwest's University Police Department (UPD).

However, before those adventures, she began her life outside a military base in Michigan. Her father was a bomber in the air force navigating B-52 planes.

Growing up in a military family, Martinez was used to moving around a lot. By the time she was in junior high, she had lived in Michigan, Texas, the Philippines and several locations in California.

Martinez reflects on her childhood fondly.

"Who doesn't think of their childhood as enchanting?" Martinez said. "There is mystery, magic and wonderment. The world was so big."

Her family was never rich, but she does not remember ever wanting or needing anything.

"In those days, it wasn't such a materialistic world. When you wanted a new bike, you waited until Christmas to get a new bike," Martinez said. "But, we had new cars sometimes, boats, campers and a swimming pool in our backyard."

Although her childhood did not consist of much financial conflict, there was a lot of social conflict in the world around her.

The war in Vietnam was extremely controversial. While Martinez was living in California, the hippie era was in full swing.

"At one point, every teenage child in my neighborhood had run away from home," Martinez said.

"There were a lot of military families, so you had a lot of moms with younger children, missing teenage children and husbands overseas."

Moving around did not have immediate impacts on Martinez. It wasn't until her family settled in Missouri she noticed her childhood was different than her peers'.

"Everyone around me had the same relationships since preschool. I couldn't name any of my friends from elementary schools, or even my teachers," Martinez said. "Sometimes, I couldn't even remember some of the names of the schools I attend."

Martinez appreciated experiencing different environments at such a young age, but she missed the connections her peers made while growing up.

Not only did Martinez miss out

down on her. Because of this, she was sure to keep her daughters clean and well behaved.

"I knew people were looking at us, waiting for me to screw up," Martinez said.

The most difficult part of becoming a teen mom for Martinez was switching her focus in life. She was a good student and a talented athlete. She imagined pursuing athletics in college, but having a child would not allow that to happen.

"My husband's mother would always say, 'Oh hun, don't worry about what they say about you because you can handle it. If they are picking on you, then they are leaving someone else alone. You can handle it,'" Martinez said.

This philosophy carried into Martinez's career as a police officer. Martinez began her journey to

Public Safety for five years. The rotating schedule was difficult for her mentally and wasn't good for her family.

She left Maryville Public Safety for massage therapy. One day, she received a ticket on campus and went to UPD to take care of it.

"I took it to Clarence and told him I would trade the ticket for a half-hour massage. He laughed and shoved my ticket in his pocket," Martinez said. "He told me to come talk to him about a job because he needed another officer."

Chief Clarence Green offered Martinez a day job with consistent hours which she took gladly.

Lt. of Operations Amanda Cullin works alongside Martinez at UPD. She describes Martinez as a kind and helpful person.

"She will go above and beyond

not law enforcement related," Cullin said. "She participates in the international students organizations and she is the sponsor for the Northwest Advocates for Animal Awareness."

Cullin says Martinez is constantly searching out ways to fill the needs of the community.

In addition to being a police officer, Martinez also spends much of her time educating people about the proper care of animals and ensuring their safety.

"My parents were compassionate and I have been around animals my whole life," Martinez said. "I have a scar from a monkey bite on my wrist, I have been kicked in the chest by horses and bitten by dogs and been scratched by and vaccinated for everything. But, it never deterred me."

At one point, Martinez had 32 dogs, hogs, cattle and horses living on a farm with her husband and daughter. She said, looking back, there was no way she was giving each animal the care they needed.

"My total direction now is to reach out and help young people rescue animals, but don't bite off more than you can chew," Martinez said. "It isn't easy. Every animal is like having another child in the home."

Martinez does warn Maryville residents, if she makes a visit to your property, she will be no nonsense.

"A dog on a chain makes me insane," Martinez said. "I come off a little harsh. If I am going to go up to your property about mistreatment of animals, it is going to be pretty intense."

Although life has gotten pretty tough for Martinez over the years, she never gave up hope things were going to work out.

"There is something in place," Martinez said. "If you keep your eyes open and be thankful for things, you see all the time how life worked out."

“My husbands mother would always say, ‘Oh hun, don’t worry about what they say about you because you can handle it. If they are picking on you, then they are leaving someone else alone. You can handle it.

-Kristina Martinez

on making connections with other peers, she was not around her extended family for most of her life. She believes this may be the reason she wanted to start a family of her own.

"I was 16 when I had my first child. I was pretty naive; everything seemed so idealistic. I didn't really have any fears," Martinez said.

Because she was a teen mother, Martinez expected people to look

becoming a police officer shortly after joining the national guard. She returned home after a weekend of training to find her windows broken.

"So, I called the police and the local police officers came back to me later and they asked me if I wanted a job as a police officer," Martinez said. "I had never really thought about it before, but it seemed like a great opportunity."

Martinez stayed with Maryville

for people, animals and situations to make everything work out and be a better place," Cullin said. "The Northwest motto of every student, every day is 100 percent Martinez."

Cullin says Martinez wants to help everyone in every way she can. Even when no one has asked her, Martinez is always there to help.

"She is willing to go out of her way for a student when they have nowhere else to turn, even if it is

Teachers making students tweet for good grades

BETH POTTROFF
Missourian Reporter I @TheMissourian

There is no doubt social media is a part of our everyday lives. From our phones to our laptops we are always plugged in. Now, social media is starting to make an appearance in the classroom as well.

Twitter in the classroom is a recent teaching tool that some teachers are using. According to an article on TeachHub, teachers can use Twitter to do things such as tweet upcoming assignments, coordinate assignments, follow issues in the news, ask questions and take and share notes. Teachers can also use the hashtag system by assigning course-specific but simple hashtags such as #generalbio02.

“The Huffington Post” recommends teachers participate in training on how to use Twitter before using it in the classroom. Since certain teachers will use it in different ways, it is important teachers are able to explain and show what they expect from the students. Things such as who students should tweet at and what hashtags to use should be covered.

However, some people have hesitated before accepting this because Twitter is social media. Twitter requires internet access, which means students need to have the app. If a student does not have a smartphone, it could be difficult for him or her to be as connected as peers. Twitter could also be distracting to students. Teachers are also concerned about

what age is considered appropriate for Twitter use in a classroom.

Former Bearcat Dakota Phillips teaches fourth grade students. Phillips thinks Twitter could be too distracting and possibly confusing to younger students. She thinks students in the fifth or sixth grade could be introduced to Twitter in the classroom and then use it more and as they get older. “I think Twitter can be a good teaching tool because kids of all ages love social media and being on their cell phones, so the idea of using Twitter in the classroom will immediately engage students and excite them,” Phillips said.

Phillips has seen many ideas on the internet showing teachers how to use Twitter in the classroom. Things such as tweeting about upcoming assignments and deadlines, following issues and creating a stream of questions for discussions are a few ideas Phillips thinks could be useful.

“It’s important to keep up with technology changes and advances,” Phillips said. “It will keep students up to date on current technology and allow them to use it to their advantage in the classroom.”

The presence of social media will continue to be intertwined with many aspects of our lives. It is important to understand and learn how to use it. It will be interesting to see how social media continues to impact the education system.



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There is much controversy about using social media in the classroom. Some teachers are doubtful students will use their phones for the directed purpose. Former Bearcat Dakota Phillips thinks social media could benefit older students.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to stop with the situationships

Why can we not commit to each other anymore? I mean honestly, what happened to us? We spend all of our time being with each other but never fully committing.

We are stuck in the world of situationship. According to urban dictionary, a situationship is just being chill, having sex and being confused by the fact that we are not together but definitely have feelings for each other. Another name for it is a “thing”.

I am sick of it. Stop telling your significant other you don’t

want to date because you are a selfish douche that cannot commit to one person.

I get you want the college experience, but if you actually care about someone, why in the world would you want to waste your time not being with him or her?

News flash, it is not going to get better. If you can tell that person you love them but cannot call him or her your significant other, you have special seat in hell, my friend, because you are a horrible human being.

So, here is what you are go-

ing to do if you are the person I am talking about. You are going to chose between dating the person or letting him or her go. You do not get to hold them back anymore.

If you cannot make this decision, I will make it for you. Let the person go. Let him or her be great without you and you can see what you missed out on. Because that person will be just fine without you. That person will be more than fine; he or she will kill it because they do not need you and never did.

If you do not want to lose that person, commit. Stop being selfish. The college experience is not about how many hook ups you can have. The college experience is finding out who you are as a person. Maybe that is with a special someone or maybe it is not. But you have to stop holding on to something that will not work.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Ani-Con seeks to build community

CORIE HERTZOG
Missourian Reporter I @TheMissourian

Northwest’s Anime Club hosted its yearly Ani-Con Oct. 21-23.

Over the course of three days, the club sponsored video game competitions, Magic: the Gathering tournaments and showed the volume four premiere of RWBY, at the Station.

Tickets were \$6 for the whole weekend.

“We use the money for Naka-Kon in Kansas City,” senior John-Paul Culver said.

Naka-Kon is an annual convention to celebrate manga, anime, cosplay, video games and facets of Japanese culture and history. This year will be the convention’s 11th year anniversary.

“The money helps us pay for people to go,” Culver said.

While the Ani-Con was fun, it is not the only thing that the Anime

Club does.

“We meet Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,” freshman Mariah Frederick said. “We talk about what’s going on in our little corner of the world and vote on a show to watch.”

Frederick also said, while no particular show has been overwhelmingly popular, they are seeing a spike in sports-themed anime.

“RWBY is doing really well,” Frederick said. RWBY is an ani-

mated show from RoosterTeeth that takes classic fairytale characters and make them monster hunters.

The club also pairs up with other clubs to host Tower Con during the spring semester. The proceeds from the event are divided among the groups to donate to their respective charities.

The members also host all-nighters once a month.

The anime club has been at Northwest for 10 years and is still going strong.

“It’s been a slow year for anime startups, but the ones that have been around are going pretty strong,” Culver said.

Keep an eye out for more information about Tower Con, and try to go, even if the closest thing to anime you’ve come to is downloading Pokemon Go! While anime may not be for everyone, it certainly gives

people a chance to escape reality.

For many, it provides the chance to explore fantasy worlds and discover a new language. With conventions such as Ani-Con, Tower Con and Naka-Kon, it allows people to meet others with the same interests. Members of the diverse, unique community even use these functions as a way to cosplay, dressing up as their favorite characters.

To the outside eye it may look odd, but is no different than dressing up for Halloween.

It is not just limited to anime either. Video games, comic books, movies and TV shows are big parts of this growing community. Dressing up is not required, but encouraged. Conventions like these let people explore their nerdy side. So, Bearcats, grab your Pokeballs, your magic wands and a friend to explore a whole new world.

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SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
MHS players line up on the mat arm-in-arm, preparing for the match up against Cameron High School in the first round of districts. Spoofhounds defeated the Dragons 70-6 and will take on St. Pius Oct. 28 in the second round of districts. St. Pius goes into the match 7-3 with an 8-1 sint since since the Spoofhounds and Warriors last met earlier in the season.

Spoofhounds head into first major postseason obstacle

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Spoofhound football’s quest for perfection will be tested in a week 11 post season matchup against St. Pius X.

Maryville (10-0) beat the Warriors (7-3) 36-0 in week two. St. Pius has gone on an 8-1 stint since the matchup. The latest Warrior victory came in a 38-18 triumph over Pembroke Hill Oct. 21.

“When I think of St. Pius, I think of a very well coached football team,” coach Matt Webb said. “St. Pius is a great example of a team in our district who has seven wins. It is always difficult to beat a team twice in a season because they know us very well so we’ve got a very big challenge.”

St. Pius has outscored its oppo-



nent 233-167 this season. This factor can be based off the diverse of offense which has been analyzed by the Maryville coaching staff.

“I see an offense that has a spread attack, but at the same time they run the football,” Webb said. “The offensive line is very good. The thing that is key that makes them is their quarterback (Tommy Hoambrecker). He is an excellent football player.”

The Spoofhound defense has had success against opposing quarterbacks this season, forcing 14 sacks and 10 interceptions. Its dominance will need to be built upon in order to keep Hoambrecker under pressure.

“We are going to have to play great team defense,” Webb said. “That means getting great plays from our defensive line. Our linebackers are going to have to tackle well and get more from their run fits.

Our defensive backs are going to have to work on the run fits and play the passing game very well.”

Maryville has produced 4,329 yards in offense this season. The Spoofhounds gained 361 of these yards against Cameron Oct. 21. The rushing attack ran for 324 of these yards. Sophomore running back Tyler Houchin led the ground movement with 77 yards. Houchin credits the offensive line for staying strong up front, but also gives credit to the defense for creating opportunities to build the score up.

“We have to be tough up front,” Houchin said. “If the defense continues doing what they have been doing it will be good.”

Webb notes the dominance his team had against Cameron, but emphasises a switch in gear in order to return to the field with a bold statement against St. Pius.

“Each week is a new week,”

Webb said. “You have a new defense and new players. That is the key. It is preparing for the next opponent. I don’t know if we’d carry anything different from last Friday night to this Friday night, I just know we are going to have to execute very well because St. Pius is very good on defense.”

Attribution to the Warrior defense’s dominance can go to what is taught to a defensive player in the first days of preseason camps. The basic knowledge has helped create St. Pius’ threatening defense.

“Their defensive line doesn’t give up big plays, big holes or good gaps,” Webb said. “Their linebackers tackle well, and there defensive backs do a good job getting lined up. They aren’t very multiple on defense but what they do is work on the fundamentals. They are very fundamental on defense. Our offense is going to have a great week of preparation.”

The competition against the Warriors will help create a sneak peek of what the remaining portion of the playoffs could look like for the Spoofhounds. But in order to look past St. Pius, Maryville must enter the game with a focused frame of mind.

“It is playoff time,” Webb said.”

We have gone from 64 teams to 32. It is a situation where it is win or go home. We need to prepare our schemes, and come out and play our very best. Each friday you have to play your best or you will be packing your bags and going home on Monday. We are just going to need a good week of preparation.”

NEXT GAME
St. Pius X @ Maryville
Oct. 28 @ 7 p.m.

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Jackie Becker

Jacob Vollstedt

Tyler Houchin

Lydia Mitchell



The senior registered a match-high 10 kills during Northwest’s 3-0 victory over Southwest Baptist. Becker is also second on the team in blocks with 52.

The senior tallied eight tackles to go with a sack in Northwest’s 47-12 victory over Lindenwood. Vollstedt also accumulated 1.5 tackles for loss and a pair of quarterback hurries.

The sophomore running back rushed for 77 yards and one touchdown on seven carries against Cameron Oct. 21.

The junior headlined the Midland Empire Conference championships, earning a score of 42 points with a time of 20:13 to take the individual conference championship.

Underclassmen seek to send seniors off on a high note

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With two games remaining on the schedule, Northwest will try to finish strong for those playing in the final match.



Seniors Jessica Breyfogle, Cassie Phillips and Ashley Cole played their home final match October 23, but thanks to their selflessness, their impact will be felt for years to come.

For starters, younger players were afforded a large chunk of playing time, which can only serve as a plus for the team's development. Players such as freshmen Izzy Romano and Peri Rainey both played significant roles this season.

A small amount of credit can be given to the three seniors who allowed the freshmen to come in and contribute right away.

"They're all great leaders on the field and off the field," junior Hannah Goetz said. "They took in the new freshmen and they were all very welcoming."

Northwest dropped its Senior Day contest October 23 when it fell 0-2 to Washburn. Now, Northwest has its final two matches to prove all of its hard work this season will not be in vain.

"We really want to get these last two wins for the seniors," Goetz said. "We know the seniors already had their Senior Day, but these are their last two games."

The seniors may have done an exceptional job taking the freshmen in and helping develop them, but that does not mean their absence will not be felt down the road.

All three seniors rank in the top three on the team in goals and shots.

Focusing on the final two games will give Northwest an opportunity to clean up some of its struggles that have surfaced throughout the season.

According to coach Tracy Hoza,

Northwest's losses over the weekend were not a result of poor effort, but of the team not being able to execute when it counted.

"We went out and fought in both games," Hoza said. "We outshot our opponent on both of those days, but unfortunately, they were not good enough to find the back of the net."

With the season essentially over, the team's primary focus shifts to its last two opponents in Missouri Western and Lindenwood.

Northwest tied its only other contest with Lindenwood with a score of 2-2, but dropped its first encounter with Missouri Western 0-1.

These final games could prove to be instrumental in building momentum heading into next season. With two wins and a majority of the team set to return next year, Northwest could experience a complete turnaround.

But in order to build momentum, Northwest will have to win consecutive matches for the first time since the first week of the season.

Play from the younger members will be crucial in helping to remove the bad taste from Northwest's mouth. When the younger players click, the team typically finds success.

The seniors have prepared the younger players to assume leadership roles in the future, but before the passing of the torch can happen, Northwest's game will have to improve.

The effort is there. But Northwest will have to execute on a higher level if it wants to finish strong.

"We have been doing pretty well as a whole," Goetz said. "We are getting opportunities, we just need to finish them."

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Missouri Western
Oct. 28 @ 6 p.m.
Northwest @ Lindenwood
Oct. 30 @ 1:30 p.m.



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Senior Cassie Phillips forces herself around Washburn defender Oct. 23. Bearcats lost to the Ichabod's 0-2.

Northwest prepares athletes beyond competition

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The success of Bearcat athletes on the field is well documented but what can sometimes be overlooked is the dominance they show in academics.



One example of this is the diversity of majors that athletes choose at Northwest. Recreation, business management and biology make up 40 percent of majors chosen by juniors and seniors, but the numbers do not overwhelmingly favor just one. Student athletes' majors range from pre-professional zoology to emergency & disaster management.

"Student athletes here are just as wide-ranging as most other students," Director of Communication and Mass Media Matt Walker said. "There isn't really one or two specific majors they gravitate towards."

Not many athletes are fortunate enough to make a career out of playing the sport they love. Walker sees that Northwest athletes fully grasp the importance a degree will have on their future after college.

"Very few of them go on to play anything professionally, so they see the forest from the trees," Walker said. "It's not the be-all-end-all for them, and they all pretty much understand there is a bigger picture they need to focus on."

Being active and social is the norm for any student athlete, and dramatically impacts his or her life. It is not surprising that students who play sports may want to remain in that type of environment. Senior linebacker Jacob Vollstedt is a recreation major and says that sports had a big impact on what major he chose.

"Sports had a big influence on my choice, I knew I didn't want to sit at a desk," Vollstedt said. "I like

hands-on activities and being a social people person."

Walker sees similar personality trends with athletes and majors they embark on.

"I think that goes towards more of a personality type," Walker said. "With most of our teams, there is a lot of collective participation, so you have to be working with, and encouraging other people, for the success of your team and for your success as well."

Sometimes the stereotype can be that athletes are not as productive or as focused as students who do not play a sport. That is not the case at Northwest. According to Walker, student athletes tend to outperform non-student athletes.

"There are a lot of benefits our student athletes have that help them succeed in the classroom as well," Walker said. "In fact, our student athletes have a higher grade point

average than non-student athletes."

An athlete has many responsibilities on and off the field or court. Teammates and coaches will often keep them motivated through a season with sports or school work. Walker also concluded that this stability gives students all the more reason to succeed in the classroom.

"I think it goes back to that structure athletics provides and a lot of our extracurriculars have," Walker said. "It also gives them a little bit more structure because that's one more person they are accountable for."

Many coaches at Northwest have built legacies with achievements and success seen in the record books and trophy room. What is not usually seen is the role they play with keeping students in line on academics. Walker says that Northwest coaches never undermine or put aside the importance of

an education for an athlete.

"I think our coaches do a really good job of having the doors open for our athletes to pick any major," Walker said. "All of our coaches, from top to bottom, know that the focus needs to be on academics, and while athletics are important to the career of a young person, it's not the only thing in life."

Some athletes also have the desire to stay around competitive athletics in some way after their playing days are over. Senior middle Cassie Phillips is pursuing a communication mass media sports major and her passion for sports is what makes her not want to leave the atmosphere of athletics.

"I just can't imagine giving up sports, so I'd love to stay in that sports world," Phillips said. "It's just nice to stay in the realm of athletics."

Athlete educational pursuance for juniors and seniors

Recreation: Corp Rec/ Wellness: 22

Biology: 25

Agricultural Sciences: 12

Business Management: 27

Other: 43

Psychology: 22

SOURCE: ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR LORI HOPKINS

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NW FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall
NORTHWEST.....	8-0
Emporia St.....	7-1
Central Missouri.....	6-2
Fort Hays St.....	6-2
Pittsburg St.....	5-3
Washburn.....	5-3
Missouri Western.....	4-4
Central Oklahoma.....	2-6
Northeastern St.....	2-6
Lindenwood.....	1-7
Missouri Southern.....	1-7
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-7

Oct. 29
Pittsburg St. at NORTHWEST
Missouri Western at Washburn
Central Oklahoma at Central Missouri
Lindenwood at Nebraska Kearney
Northeastern St. at Missouri Southern
Fort Hays St. at Emporia St.

NW VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
X-Nebraska Kearney.....	26-1	11-1
Washburn.....	20-5	10-2
Central Oklahoma.....	23-2	9-2
NORTHWEST.....	21-2	9-2
Central Missouri.....	16-7	6-5
Missouri Western.....	14-9	6-5
Fort Hays St.....	20-7	6-6
Lindenwood.....	8-13	4-7
Pittsburg St.....	5-18	3-8
Emporia St.....	11-14	3-9
Missouri Southern.....	4-20	1-10
Southwest Baptist.....	3-22	0-11

Oct. 28
NORTHWEST at Washburn

Oct. 29
NORTHWEST at Emporia St.

X-Clinched spot in MIAA Tournament

NW WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
X-Central Missouri.....	14-1	8-1
X- Fort Hays St.....	12-3-1	8-1
X-Central Oklahoma.....	10-5-1	6-3
Northeastern St.....	12-3-1	5-3-1
Missouri Western.....	10-6	5-4
Washburn.....	5-6-1	5-4
Lindenwood.....	8-6-1	5-4
Emporia St.....	7-7-2	5-4
Nebraska Kearney.....	6-7-3	3-4-2
NORTHWEST.....	4-10-1	2-7
Missouri Southern.....	3-10-2	0-8-1
Southwest Baptist.....	0-15	0-9

Oct. 28
NORTHWEST at Missouri Western

Oct. 30
Northwest at Lindenwood

X-Clinched spot in MIAA Tournament

MHS FOOTBALL

MSHSAA Class 3 Top 10

	Overall
MARYVILLE.....	10-0
Richmond.....	10-0
Center.....	10-0
Blair Oaks.....	9-0
Chillicothe.....	9-1
Monett.....	9-1
Owensville.....	10-0
St. Pius X.....	7-3
McCluer South-Berkeley.....	9-0
Clinton.....	8-2

Oct. 28
St. Pius X at Maryville
Oak Grove at Center
Hogan Prep at Clinton
Chillicothe at Richmond

Oct. 29
Lutheran at McCluer South-Berkeley



Senior Wick Cunningham finished sixth overall in the MIAA Championship with a total time of 25:12.14 Oct. 22.

MIAA Conference Championship

Men's 2nd Place

Women's 10th Place

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Cross Country races to Regionals

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The Bearcat cross country teams compete in one of the toughest conferences in Division II, and their abilities were put to the test this past weekend at the MIAA Conference Championships.



The men's team had an outstanding meet, finishing in second place overall with a total of 72 points. The women struggled, finishing in 10th place with a total of 254 points.

On the men's side, sophomore Brayden Clews-Proctor led the Bearcats, finishing in second place with a time of 24.40.73. Senior Nolan Zimmer was right on his heels, finishing in fourth with a time of 24.50.53. The only runner that separated the two was Jacob Klemz, a freshman from Washburn University.

Coach Scott Lorek is thrilled with how his men performed this weekend. Their diligence and commitment throughout the summer and regular season translated into a successful finish at the MIAA Championships.

"I feel really good about how they did," Lorek said. "I am also happy that we separated ourselves from the rest of the league. Missouri Southern and we were first and second, and then

third place was significantly behind us, which is very good."

Senior Wick Cunningham had a phenomenal race, finishing in sixth place overall with a time of 25.12.14. This is his first race of the season wearing the Bearcat uniform. Cunningham is proud of his finish, and is optimistic that his team will be able to continue this success at the regional meet.

"The performance at conference helped boost everyone's confidence, and although we ran well there, we still have some work to do and we can still get better," Cunningham said. "I have a lot of faith in my teammates, and I know they can do well at regionals."

The MIAA Conference Meet was the first time this season Cunningham has been able to run as a Bearcat. Aug. 3, the senior underwent surgery to remove his appendix, which left him unable to run for several weeks. Being forced to take time off from training created a lot of uncertainty surrounding the upcoming cross country season.

"Taking time off in cross country means you lose a little bit of that base you build up all summer," Cunningham said. "I just had to ease back into it, and I was targeting the conference meet, but the whole time I was unsure if I was actually going to be

able to run."

Luckily for Northwest, Cunningham was able to recover and has proven that this setback will not keep him from competing at his best. Lorek is delighted to have him back on the team.

"He responded really well and he came back and was running well, so we thought, with the conference meet coming up, we can certainly use him," Lorek said. "He was a big help for us at conference, and he will be at regionals too."

While the men had an excellent meet, the women were not as lucky. They finished in 10th place out of the 12 teams that were represented. Despite the poor team performance, three girls set new personal records.

Junior Sammy Laurenzo finished in 10th place with a personal best of 22.13.77 and made the All Conference Cross Country team.

Sophomores Maria Mostek and Sassi Matzen also set new personal bests. Mostek finished in 56th place with a time of 24.42.86, and Matzen claimed 68th place, finishing with a time of 25.27.66.

Mostek knows her team did not perform to the best of its ability. Overall, the team really struggled, and that was evident in its finish.

"We had some standouts this weekend, but overall as a team, we

did not run at our full potential," Lorek said.

With the conference meet in the rearview mirror, the men and women turn their focus to the upcoming NCAA Central Region Championships.

Lorek is confident that his teams will work hard to prepare for regionals, and is hopeful that this will trans-

late to a National Championship.

"We just have to work hard and take care of our races, and, in the end, the results will take care of themselves," Lorek said.

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Hounds' continue historic season

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The Maryville High School cross country team accomplished a feat that had escaped the school's grasp since the program began.



Maryville competed against seven other schools within the Midland Empire Conference Thursday afternoon in St. Joseph. The Spoofhounds arose victorious as they acquired the program's first ever conference crown.

"We sat down at the beginning of the year and wrote down our big goals for the season, and one of those was winning conference," coach Rodney Bade said. "I knew coming into the season that we had everything right and the kids were working hard. It was very doable."

After taking home the first victory of the year, the team hit an unexpected bump in the road.

"We came out and won our first meet, but then we had some not-so-good meets," Bade said.

Swiftly, the Spoofhounds turned it around.

"There was no guarantee at conference, but then, to beat schools like Smithville and LeBlond is really exciting," Bade said.

Bade's third year of coaching the Spoofhounds has been one to remember. He watched the athletes multiply as well as reap the benefits of a program on the rise.

"My first season, we only had eight boys and two girls," Bade said. "To have 25 kids out on the team and to have 12 boy runners that could have been varsity at some point in the year, this is the best team Maryville has had, probably ever, really."

The conference victory was anchored by two juniors, Caleb Fuerbacher (16:43) and Lydia Mitchell (20:13). Fuerbacher finished second in the boys division, earning First Team All-Conference honors in the 5k run.

"It was really big for me. I was thinking maybe I could finish in first, but the guy who got first had a really great day. Second was truly all I could hope for," Fuerbacher said. "Our team won, and I'm so proud of that. It was our No. 1 goal throughout the whole season; our team has been working very very hard for this."

On the girls' team, Mitch-

ell placed first in the conference. Mitchell broke a school record for a women's timed 5k run.

"It seemed unreal to me to break the record. I didn't even realize until I saw it later. It felt strange, but it also felt amazing to do it," Mitchell said. "My competitor was there when I found out, and I owe a lot of my success to my competitors. We are all friends, but we also all compete against each other."

As the season progresses past conference, Mitchell and the rest of the team set their sights on a district prize.

"I learned a lot from conference. I learned a lot about myself and the competition that I'm going up against," Mitchell said. "When the day comes for districts to start, I'm going to be ready and try to get in that mindset and take what I learned from my previous races and apply it to districts."

The district tournament will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Donaldson Westside Park in Maryville.

NEXT GAME

Class 3 District 8 @ Donaldson Westside Park

Oct. 29 @ 10 a.m.

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Becker approaches career peak in historic run



Senior Jackie Becker practices spike drills Oct. 10. Bearcats prepare for their upcoming game at Washburn University Oct. 28.

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Engagement from vocal athletes has helped raise Northwest Missouri State volleyball to the top.



Senior Jackie Becker has taken this role in her four years at Northwest.

Becker has 778 kills, 129 digs and a .251 hitting percentage throughout her time as a Bearcat. She was also a part of coach Amy Woerth’s first recruiting class alongside senior Miranda Foster.

Becker and Foster have worked with Woerth throughout the past four years to find the perfect recipe behind the net.

“We had a mindset that we had to work hard every day,” Becker said. “Volleyball was our main priority and we had to be all-in in order to succeed, and we had to do the little things in order to succeed. That concept just built the trust throughout the years. I think there is a higher level of trust in her and her trust in us over the last few years.”

Becker entered her senior season looking to find a peak in her career at Northwest. The quest was briefly stalled due to an ankle injury early in the season. She missed a total of five games due to the setback.

“It was something that was hard to deal with, both physically and mentally,” Becker said. “It was taking on a new role. I’ve started since my freshman year, so it was taking sitting on the bench and seeing, from that perspective, a different side of the game.”

This was Becker’s first time to ever deal with an injury through her entire career. It took time for her to

settle into the idea of watching from the sideline.

“It took her a couple games to figure out where she fit in,” Woerth said. “She found a better place not playing, but who is ever going to be happy not playing? I feel like she really wanted to find a way to continue to contribute.”

Now the light is looking brighter. Becker’s best performance this season came over the weekend against Southwest Baptist, Oct. 21. She posted 10 kills, including a .438 hitting percentage against the Bearcats.

“She is just catching her second wind with her injury to be able to come back to 100 percent,” Woerth said. “The best is yet to come for Jackie as we start going to the last third of the season.”

Becker has also established a leadership role off the court. The role has ultimately developed since she first stepped into Bearcat Arena in 2013.

“She has been somebody who we can consistently lean on,” Woerth said. “She has that experience; she knows our conference; she understands the players within our conference.”

“People tend to listen to her because of her opinion, but you can only listen to leaders so much until they prove it,” Woerth said. “She has put up some really good performances throughout the season for us.”

Becker knows pressure sits against the Bearcats over the final third of the season. At the same time, she is ready to continue the role she has had over the past four years.

“To win those games and finish top four, it gets down to getting better every day,” Becker said. “That gets down to having the right focus and mentality heading into practice to know we have to get better every day in order to finish where we want to.”

Jackie Becker Statistics			
Career Stats		Season Stats	
Matches Played	Sets Played	Matches Played	Sets Played
103	371	18	65
Kills	Hitting Percentage	Kills	Hitting Percentage
778	.251	139	.289
Points	Points Per Set	Points	Points Per Set
960.5	2.59	168.5	2.59

SOURCE: BEARCATSPORTS.COM

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Volleyball to spend homecoming weekend on the road

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Northwest will travel into hostile territory Saturday for its fourth top-25 matchup this season.



No. 16 Northwest finds itself in a position to exact revenge on one of its biggest rivals in Washburn. Coming into the match with a record of 2-2 against top-25 opponents, Northwest needs a victory to better its chances of surpassing No. 15 Central Missouri and No. 14 Washburn in national rankings.

Not only does this matchup signify a contest between two of the top teams in arguably the nation’s best conference, but it is also Northwest’s Homecoming game. While playing at home is ideal, a trip to Washburn gives Northwest an opportunity it would not have if the rematch took place in Maryville.

“We have not been there in a while,” coach Amy Woerth said. “This is our chance to get back at them at their place.”

Woerth knows the implications of beating Washburn in its home. That exact message has spread its way down to the players.

“They took it from us on our home court, so we’re going to take it from them on theirs,” senior Jackie Becker said. “Going into this week, our only focus is them.”

But this week is not the only week that Northwest has been fixated on Washburn. Northwest has placed Washburn on a pedestal since long before the season even started.

From offseason workouts to ear-

ly season exhibitions, Northwest has kept its eye on its rival 118 miles southwest of Maryville.

“We talk about Washburn when we get in the gym during the summer and during 6:30 a.m. workouts,” junior Sarah Dannettell said before the two teams met earlier in the season. “There’s just something about Washburn that ticks us off and we haven’t had a win against them in a long time.”

Statistically, both teams match up well. The areas that Northwest excels in, Washburn has shown the ability to counter. The Bearcats enter the contest ranked top-five in the conference in hitting percentage, assists and kills. Conversely, the Ichabods rank third in the conference in opponent hitting percentage, opponent assists and opponent kills.

Because Washburn matches up so well, Northwest will place extra emphasis on offensive execution in the week leading up to the rematch. In order to be successful, Northwest must first focus on the minute details.

“We have to work well as a unit,” Becker said. “That includes keeping communication high and working together front row to back row and back row to front.”

Sophomore Maddy Bruder ranks third in kills in the MIAA with 3.89 per set, but may find it difficult to find points due to Washburn libero senior Alyssa Carney’s ability to keep positions alive, as shown by her conference-leading 5.22 digs per set.

However, one area that Northwest should be able to exploit is Washburn’s lack of ability to lim-



Sophomore Olivia Nowakowski dives in to save the ball in the match up against Missouri Southern Oct. 22.

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it opponents’ blocks. Entering the matchup, Washburn ranks 10th in opponent blocks while junior Alex- is Williams is third in the conference with 1.13 blocks per set. As a team, Northwest’s average of 2.05 blocks per set is good enough for fifth.

Following the match, Northwest will travel to Emporia, Kansas, where it will do battle with Emporia State. Northwest swept Emporia ear-

lier in the season, but knows it cannot overlook Emporia if it wants to continue to rise in the rankings.

“After the game Saturday, our focus is Emporia,” Becker said. “We know that they are just as capable of taking a match away from us Washburn is.”

As far as regular season opportunities are concerned, this is the last shot Northwest has at taking down

its biggest foe. Considering the attention given to Washburn, coupled with a close loss, Northwest is chomping at its proverbial teeth, waiting for a shot at revenge.

NEXT GAME
Northwest @ Washburn
Oct. 28 @ 7 p.m.
Northwest @ Emporia State
Oct. 29 @ 7 p.m.